Dept of Veterans Affairs Advanced Metering Program

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VA ENERGY PORTFOLIO

FY 2009*

- □ Approx. 300 facilities subject to mandates (owned, or leased and paying energy bills)
 - FY 2009: 155 million square feet (6,000 buildings)
- ☐ FY 2009 energy and water cost and consumption:
 - Energy: \$517 million
 29 trillion Btu**
 - Water: \$31 million9 billion gallons

^{*} Complete FY 2010 data are not yet available

^{**} Btu = British thermal unit, a standardized unit for measuring energy.
29 trillion Btu is approximately the amount of energy that 300,000 typical American households consume annually.

Topics

- 1. Advanced Master System Plan
- 2. Pilot Meter System Project
- 3. Electricity Meter Installation Project
- 4. Non-Electricity Meter Project
- 5. Challenges
- 6. Future Plans

1. Advanced Meter System Plan

- Federal Advanced Metering Requirements
 - Install advanced bldg level electricity meters by 2012
 - Install advanced bldg level non-electric meters by 2015
- Advanced Meter System Plan was developed as a part of VA Energy Action Plan (2006):
 - What Utility lines and Buildings to be metered?
 - What Type of meters to be installed?
 - How to Manage metered data?
 - How to use of metered data?
 - Available funding?
 - Meter installation Project Plan or sequencing?

1. Advanced Meter System Plan – Buildings & Utility

- Buildings to be metered
 - Buildings ≥ 50,000 gsf (covers 73% of total VA sqft)
 - Electricity Meters
 - Steam Meters
 - Chilled Water Meters
 - Buildings using N. Gas Gas Meters (mainly Central Plants)
 - Buildings ≥ 600K gsf : Water Meters (incl. make up water lines)
- □ All incoming utility lines to VA campuses to be metered
- All buildings with high energy intensity to be metered

1. Advanced Meter System Plan – Type of Meters

- Type of Meters were specified Example:
 - Flow Meters for the line that couldn't have outage
 - ✓ Insertion type or
 - Clamp-on type meters
 - Water lines with lower accuracy (+/- 3%) meters
 - Electricity line with higher accuracy (+/- 1%) meters
 - Flow meters without moving parts were preferred
 - ✓ Vortex Meters
 - Electro-Magnetic Meters

2. Pilot Meter Project

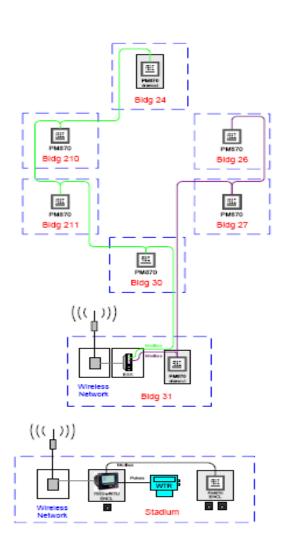
- 2 regions were selected (large, small)
- SOW includes
 - Installation of
 - Electricity meters
 - Steam, CHW, Gas, Water (non-electricity) meters
 - Set up Central web-site (collecting data from all meters)
 - Utility Bill Audits
 - And some others
 - Installed around 300 meters from 11 campuses
 - Awarded in FY-2008
 - Completed in FY-2010





Network

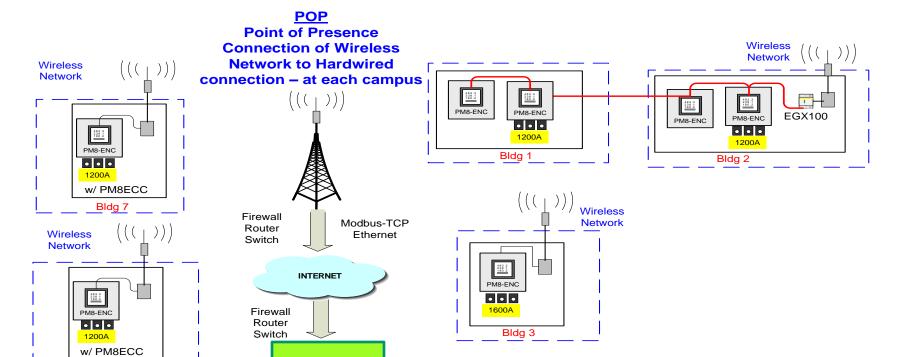
Pilot Meter Project Central Site **Utilities Monitoring** Web Server ((CD)) Bidg 1 Network ((CD)) INTERNET (((T))) Wireless Bldg 212 Network ((CD)) Wireless No Building Network Management System Vinciades Transformer Loss Culturation Bldg 256 - Water Wireless Bldg 19 - 5kv ((CD)) Elec Main Wireless



3. National Electricity Meter Project

- After verified all the pilot sites working properly, started
 National Electricity Meter project
- SOW includes
 - Installation of electricity meters for rest of VA buildings
 - \checkmark ≥ 50,000 gsf
 - ✓ With high electricity use
 - Meter data to be forwarded to Central web-site
 - Installed total 1,600 meters (located at 160 campuses)
 - Awarded in FY-2009
 - 50% of meters installed
 - Will be completed early 2011





Web server



Bldg 6

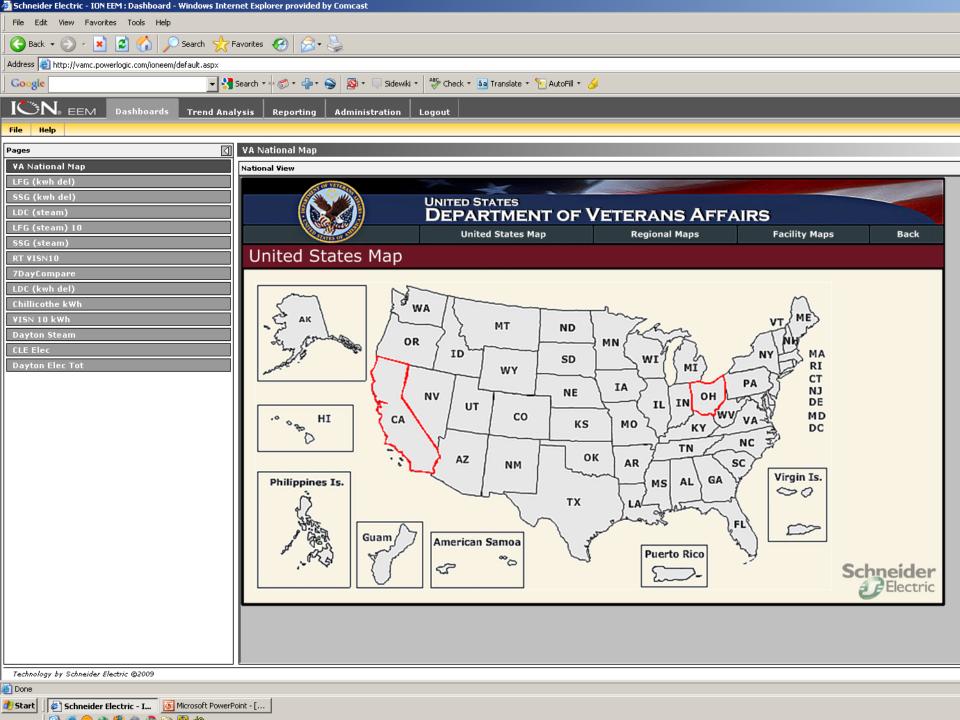


Electrical Utility Meter 2

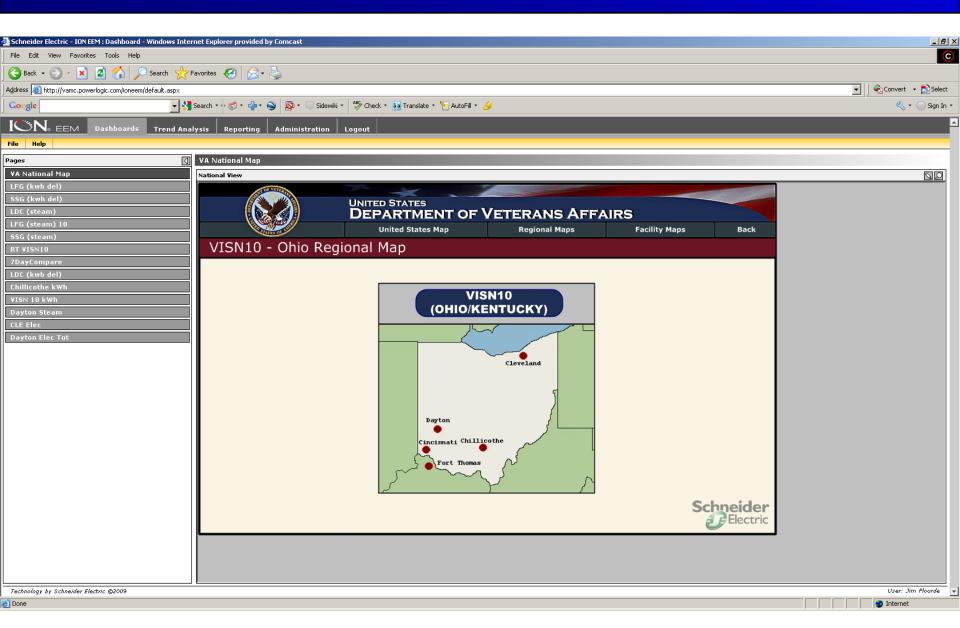
4. National Non-Electricity Meter Project

- Used ARRA funding
- SOW includes
 - Installation of non-electricity meters for rest of VA buildings
 - Steam Meters
 - Chilled water meters
 - Natural Gas meters
 - Water meters
 - 20 Regional contracts awarded in FY-2010
 - Meter data to be forwarded to Central web-site
 - Total of 3,000 meters (located at 160 campuses)
 - Installation should be completed in 2011



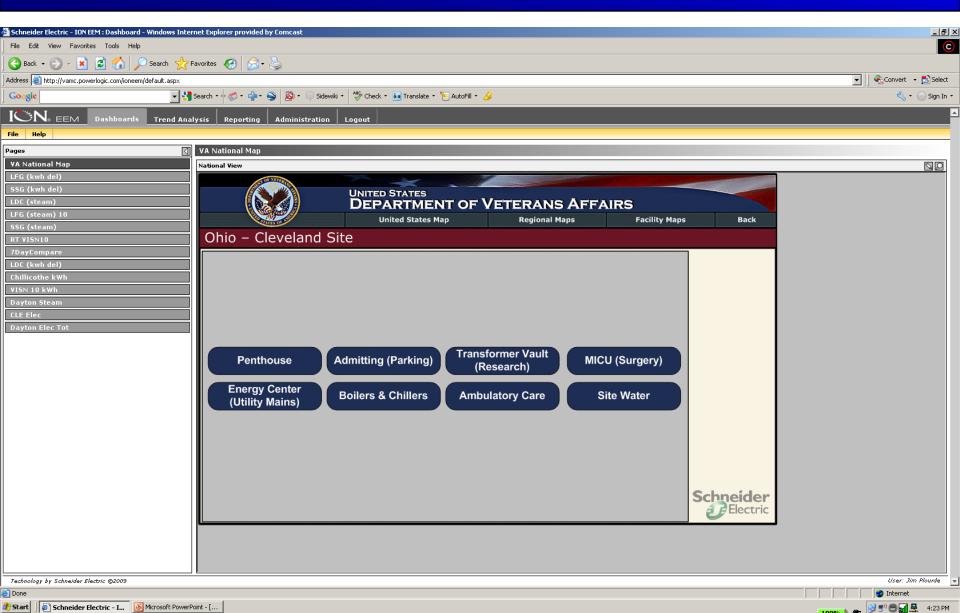




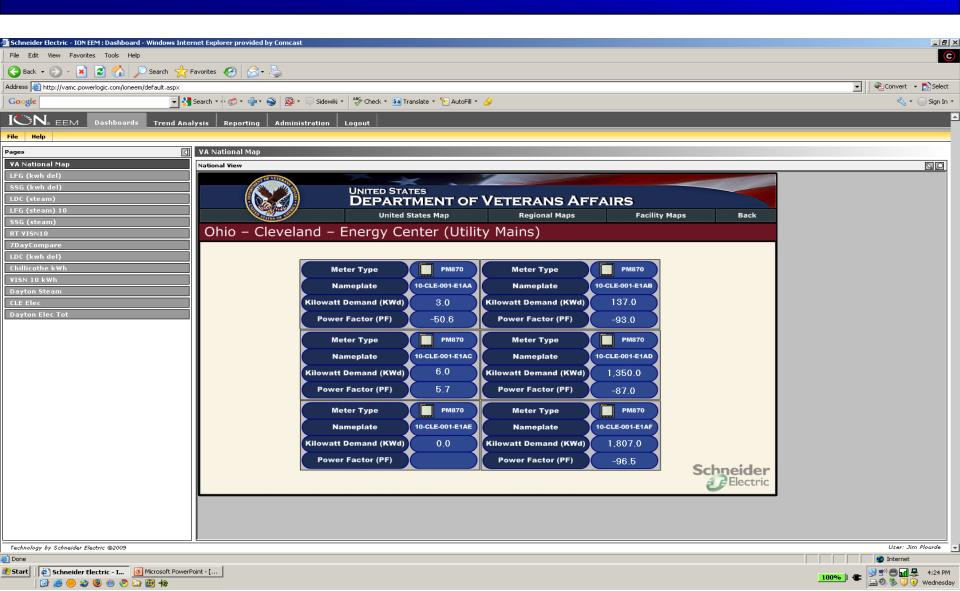




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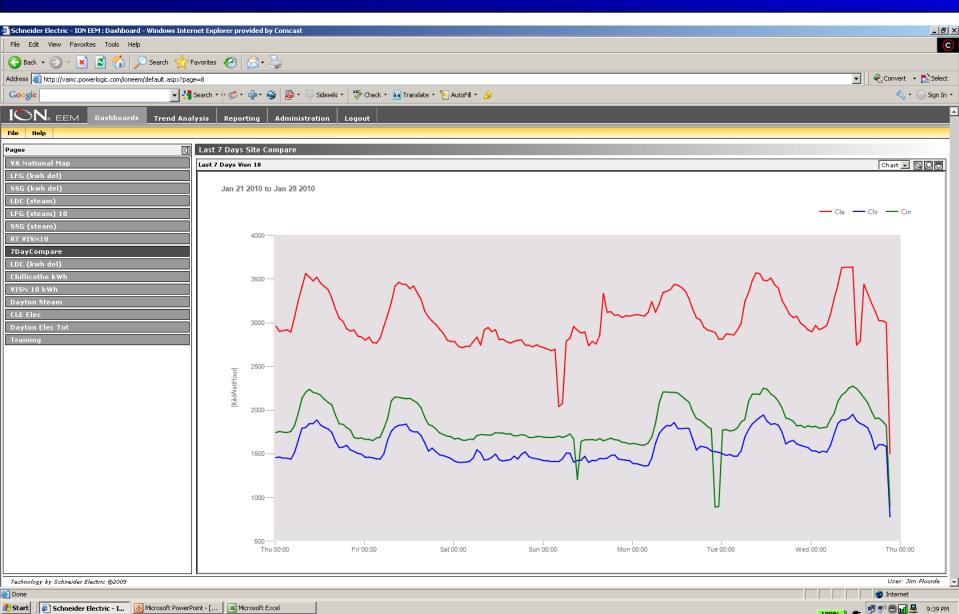




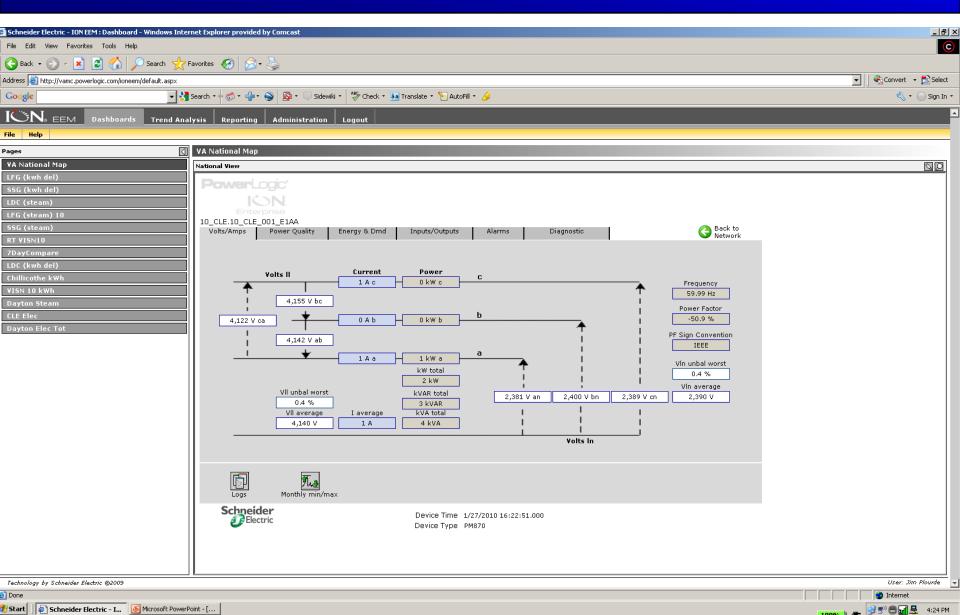




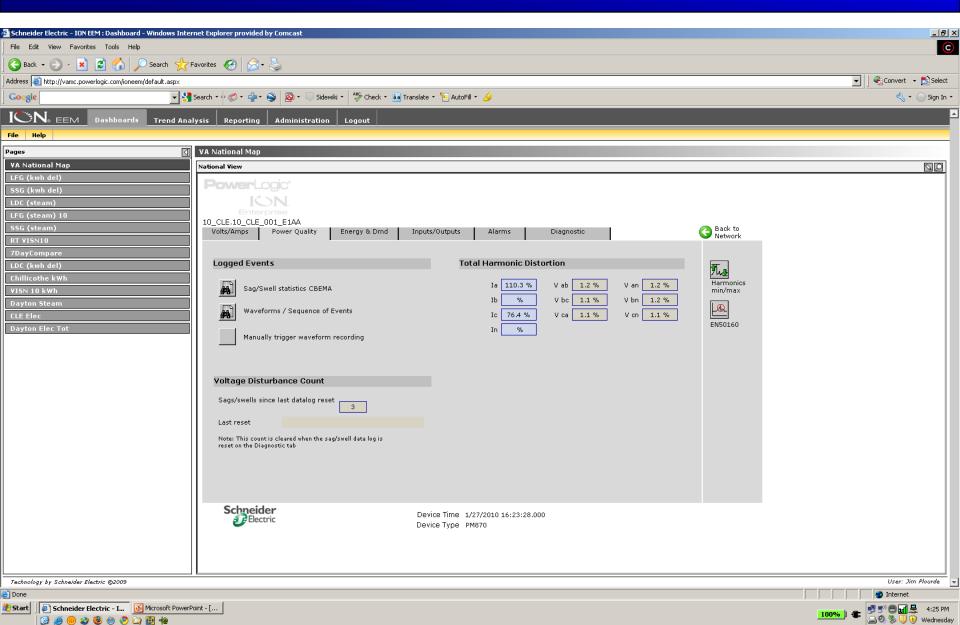
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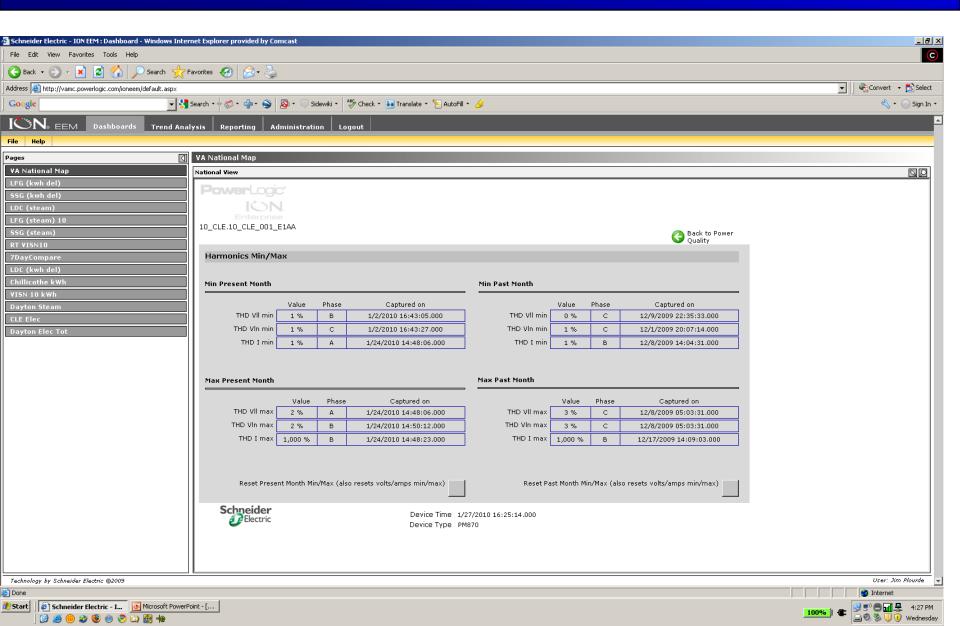




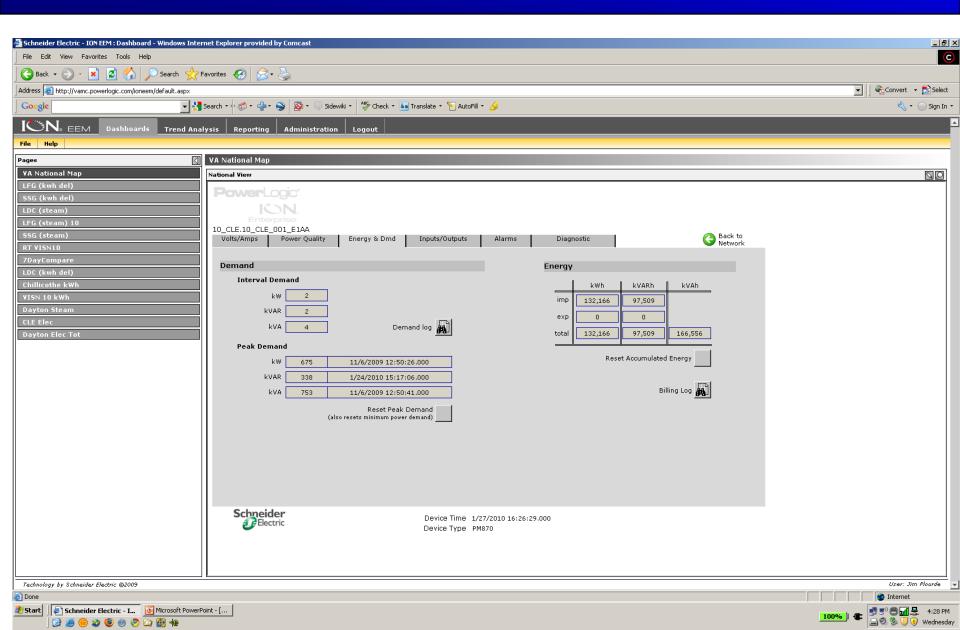




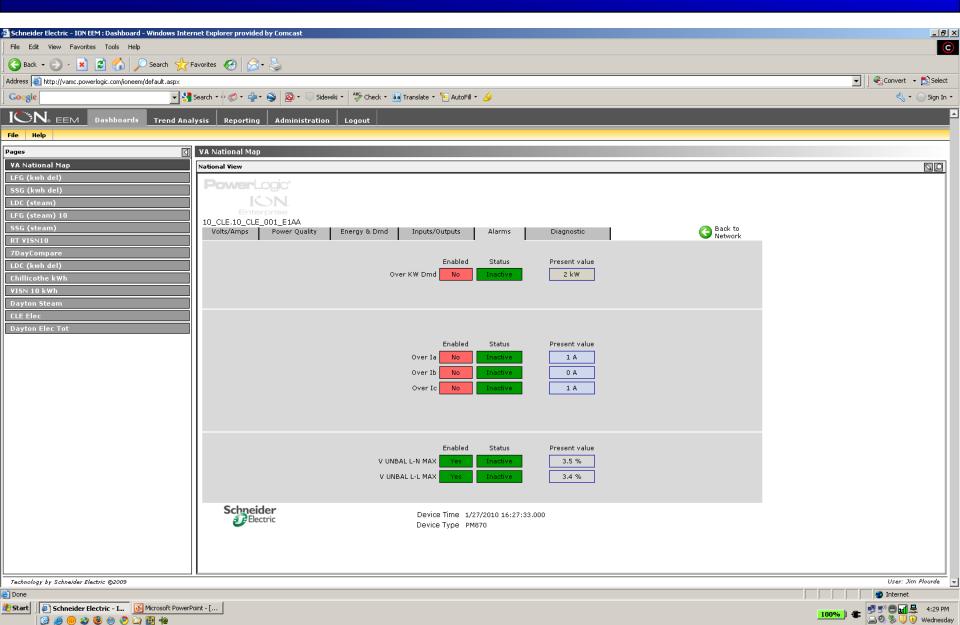




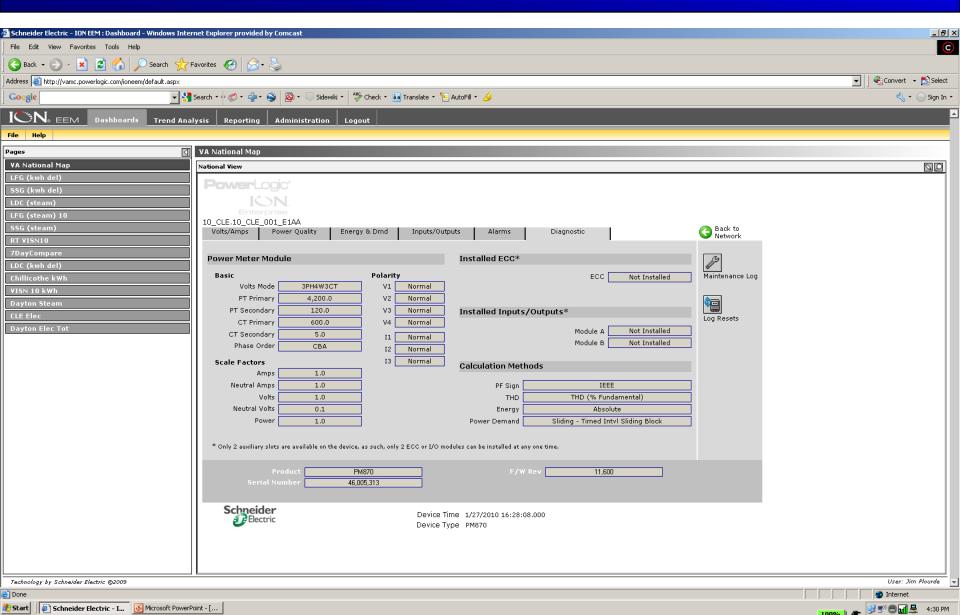








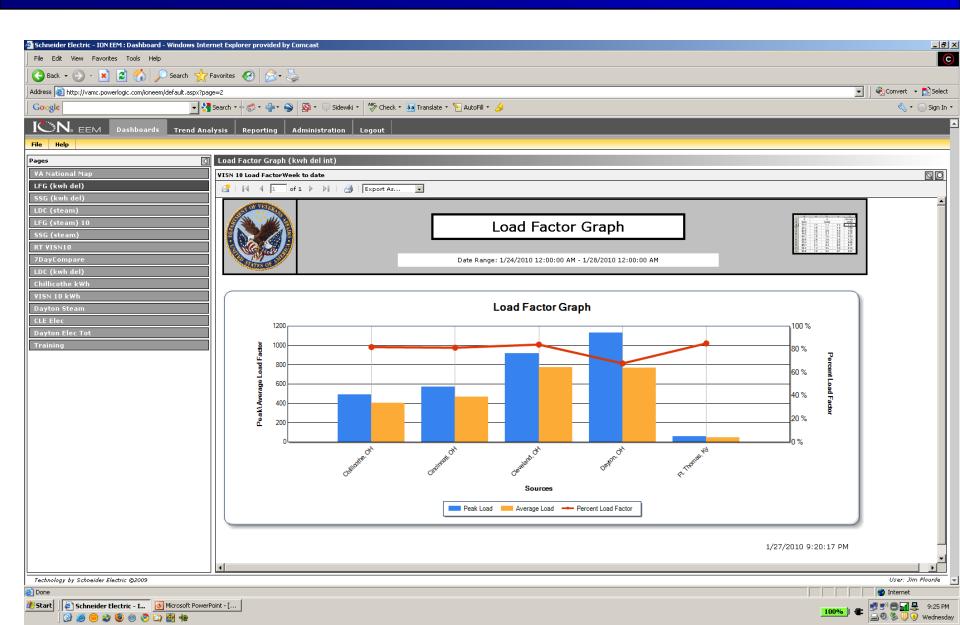




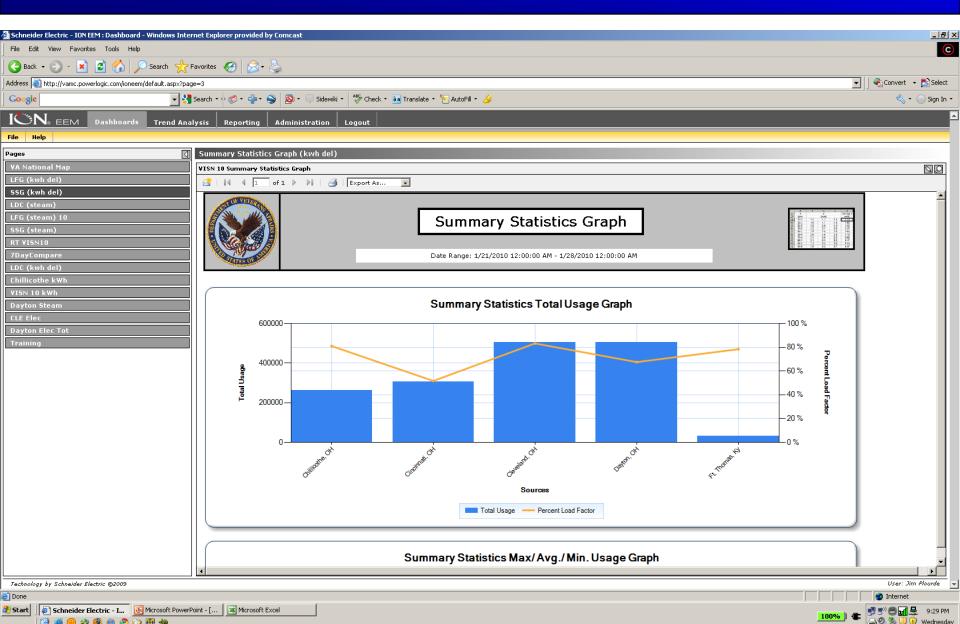




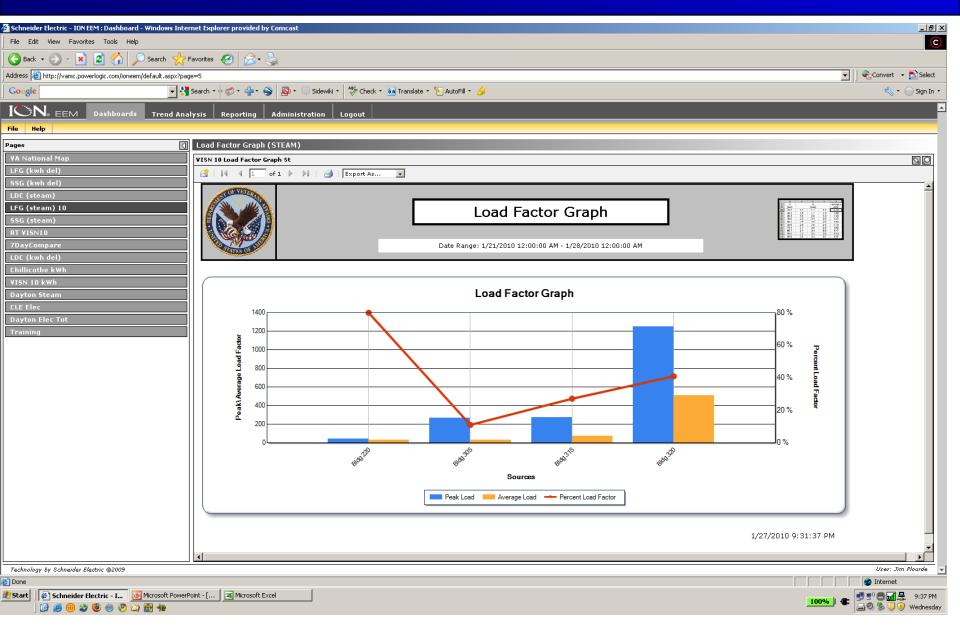




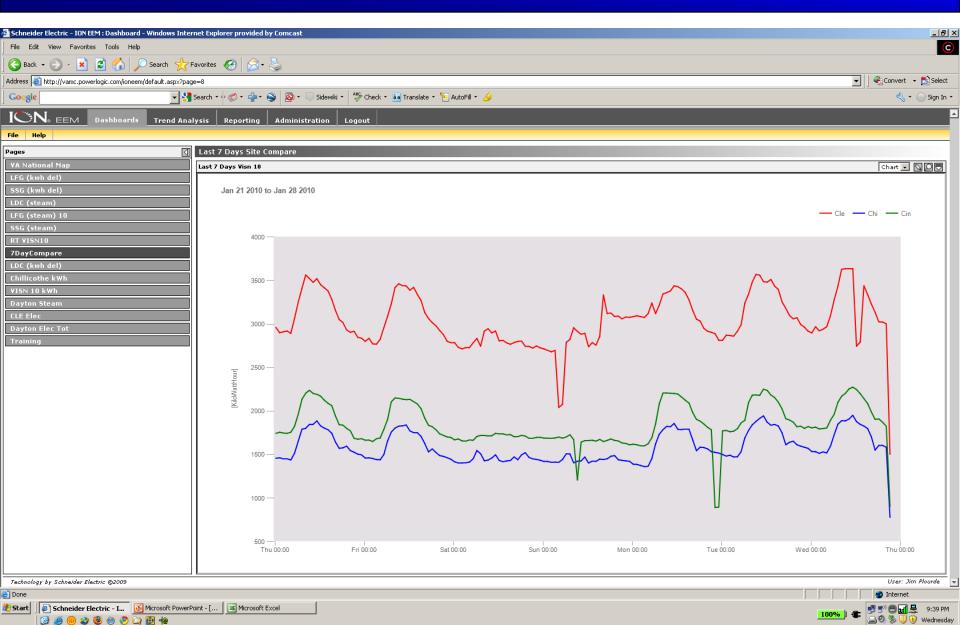




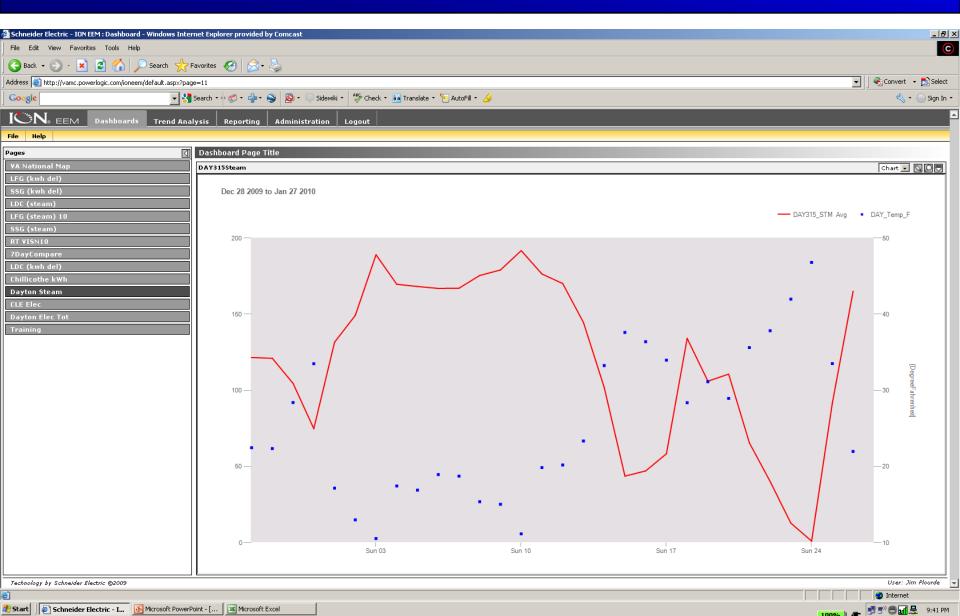




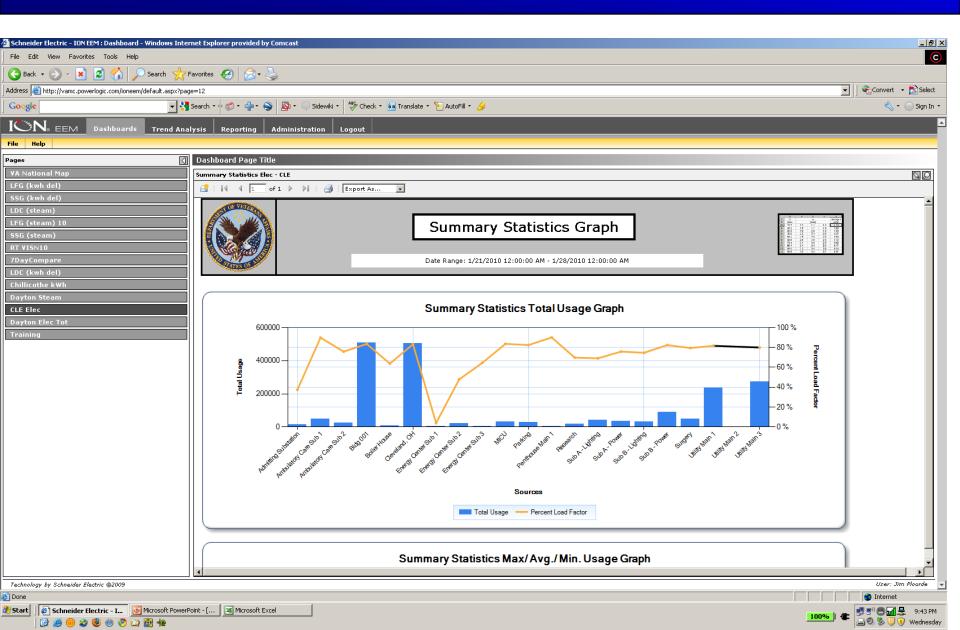




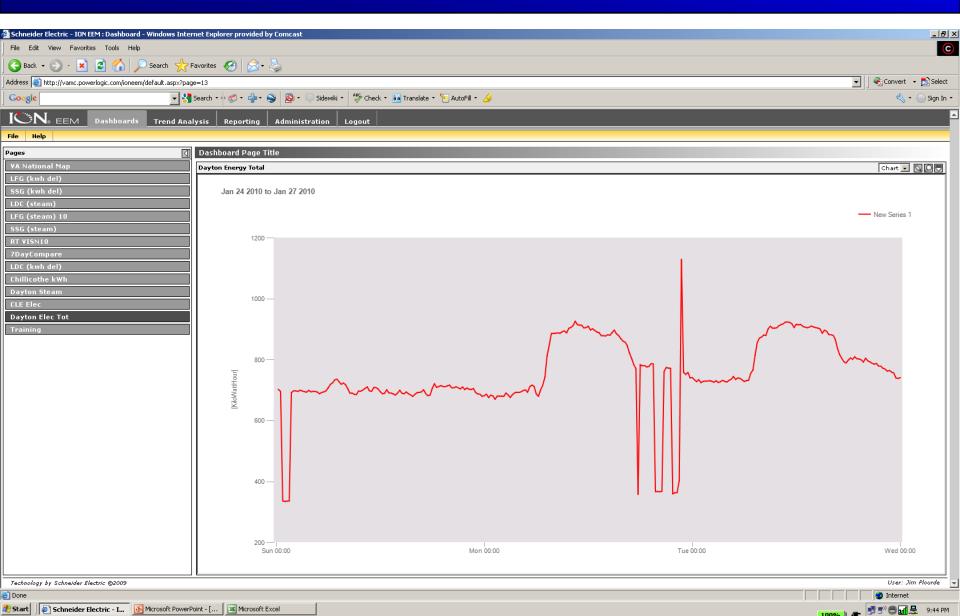












5. CHALLENGES

- □ Integration of New Meters
 - New meters installed for
 - Renewable energy systems
 - New Construction projects
 - Installation by local facilities
 - Existing meters
- No energy savings not for ESPC, UESC, etc.
- No firm data for utility lines to campus, to buildings



Carport PV at McClellan facility

6. Future Plans

- Additional Meter installation for smaller buildings
- □ Facility Energy Managers to analyze metered data
- □ Feed data to Energy Benchmarking Tool (Energy Star Portfolio Manager) directly

Questions?



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